2:Musil S-4, 5 (no date) 1928 MD4 Rwala MD4

411 St. Etienne, cost 20-22 *mejidijjât* ($18-$19.80); its nickel
713 imitation, manufactured in Egypt and al-Baṣra, sold for 4-18
435 *mejidijjât* ($3.60-$18.50).

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515 To cleanliness the Rwala pay but scant attention. Water must not be wasted, as there is hardly enough for drinking and cooking. In a sand desert they rub their hands and faces with clean dry sand. The clothes are washed and a bath is taken only when they camp near a large rain pond. The youths make their ablutions in the day time, the girls in the evening.
[296] The clothes are washed, as a rule, by a negro or a Ṣlejb woman, the mistress of the tent and her daughters looking on disinterestedly, scratching themselves all the while, for it never occurs to them to rid themselves of their lice or to cleanse their dresses thoroughly. Once in a while, perhaps, a wife will delouse her husband, *tefli brâseh*, a sister her brother or sweetheart, a mother her children, and women other women. Soap is kept only by the chiefs for their guests. For themselves they gather *šnân*, drying, powdering, and then using it in washing. I brought European soap to some women, but instead of washing themselves with it, they rubbed it dry all over their hands and body for the sake of its pleasant odor.

291 The tribes and even the clans of the Rwala differ not
614 only in their dialect, but also in their dress. All Rwala wear
184 the same dress, but of different colors, cut, and ornament. If a Rwejli sights a troop of riders in the distance, he can tell at once whether they are Rwala and of what clan. He knows this from their saddles and decorations on their saddlebags; the color of their kerchiefs, mantles, boots; the fashion in which they are dressed; their style of sitting in the saddle, etc. He can distinguish from afar a Freği from a Kwêčbi, and these from a Mur'aṣi. Still greater are the dissimilarities between the Rwala and the Sba'a or Ṣkûr. A stranger needs months in which to learn the differences in the dress of the various 'Aneze tribes — and years before he is able to distinguish the members of the different clans of the same tribe.